

**Borough of Rocky Hill
Borough Council
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
June 16, 2014**

The regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Rocky Hill was called to order by Mayor Edward Zimmerman at 7:35 PM followed by the salute to the flag.

NOTICE OF COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

Mayor Zimmerman read the following statement into the record: This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law. This meeting was included in a list of meetings transmitted to the Courier News and Somerset Spectator on January 9, 2014. Notice remains continuously posted as to required notices under the Statute. A copy of this notice is available to the public and is on file in the Office of the Borough Clerk.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Tom Bremner-present, Mr. Jeff Donahue-present, Ms. Connie Hallman-present, Ms. Julia Hasser-present, Mr. Phil Kartsonis-present, Mr. Mark Pausch-absent.

Also present: Mayor Ed Zimmerman, Clerk Rebecca Newman, Deputy Clerk Christine Witt, and Borough Attorney Albert Cruz.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

The Meet the Mayors event on June 4th was successful. One issue discussed was regionalized emergency services.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting Minutes – June 2, 2014. Hasser moved to approve the minutes and Bremner seconded the motion. Motion carried on roll call vote.

For: Bremner, Donahue, Hallman, Hasser, Kartsonis

Against: None

Abstain: None

PUBLIC COMMENT

The floor was open to public comment.

Martin Engelbrecht of 88 Crescent Ave. complained about the Scenic Byways signs that have been placed around the Borough commenting that they are ugly and without value. Mr. Engelbrecht feels the Council did not exercise due diligence when passing the resolution allowing the signs in the Borough.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Bill List dated June 16, 2014 was presented for approval. Donahue moved to approve all vouchers except vouchers 8070. Motion seconded by Hallman. Motion carried on roll call vote.

For: Bremner, Donahue, Hallman, Hasser, Kartsonis

Against: None

Abstain: None

Donahue moved to approve voucher 8070, Hasser seconded, and motion carried on roll call vote.

For: Donahue, Hallman, Hasser, Kartsonis

Against: None

Abstain: Bremner

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Tax Collector, May 2014

Court Administrator, May 2014

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Hasser moved to accept the reports, Bremner seconded the motion, and motion carried on roll call vote.

For: Bremner, Donahue, Hallman, Hasser, Kartsonis

Against: None

Abstain: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration & Records – J. Donahue. Continuing IT trouble shooting. Donahue raised the issue of the Clerk's contract. The Council and Attorney Cruz discussed whether or not the Clerk's appointment in January served as a reappointment granting tenure.

Donahue moved to reappoint Rebecca Newman as Clerk, granting tenure. Hasser seconded the motion. Motion carried on roll call vote.

For: Bremner, Donahue, Hallman, Hasser, Kartsonis

Against: None

Abstain: None

Buildings & Grounds – T. Bremner. Mold remediation in the elevator maintenance room and police office was performed. There was a problem with contractor being in the building unsupervised and getting locked out. The HMR walk through related to the grant work on Borough Hall was pushed back. A hornets nest needs to be removed. Most of the tennis court repairs are complete. The tennis camp flyer has been distributed. Comcast has labeled the phone lines, and one line is now dedicated to the elevator.

Finance & Insurance –None.

Public Safety & Emergency Services – P. Kartsonis. Up to 210 Nixle subscribers. The Constable has identified overgrown trees and bushes blocking lines of site and has notified residents. There are two applicants interested in the open constable position.

Streets & Roads – C. Hallman. Work to be done on Princeton Ave. and near Rescue Squad building has been postponed. A clogged storm drain on Montgomery Ave. has been cleared, but a street sweeper may be needed again. Discussed how the Scenic Byways signs. Hallman suggested writing a letter to the DOT requesting to withdraw from the agreement to have the signs. Mayor Zimmerman suggested calling the Governor's office before withdrawing from the agreement to see if the number of signs could be reduced. The Council agreed that the Mayor should make the call to the Governor's office. Restriping of pedestrian walkways should be done soon.

Water, Sewer & Environmental Protection – J. Hasser. The water main break on Crescent Ave. has been found and the valve will probably need to be replaced.

Council Representative to Planning Board – C. Hallman. Application for a subdivision at 25 Washington Street was continued at the June meeting. The Planning Board agreed to draft a letter to the Council in support of the moving the zone line. Potential buyers of 36 Princeton Ave. are seeking a designation as a church in order to hold addiction recovery meetings at the location.

Council Liaison to Recreation Committee - C. Hallman. Donahue asked for input on the start time of the July 4th parade, there was a consensus to begin at 4 pm. The building and grounds need preparation for the tennis camp.

Council Representative to Board of Health – M. Pausch. The owner of the Shopping Center moved the road salt being stored near the Borough water tower. The tent will also be removed. The animal census is starting soon. The complaints about garbage at One53 were investigated and no issues were found.

Zoning Official's Report –No report.

Grants Committee – T. Bremner. No report.

SPECIAL BUSINESS

Resolution 2014-59: A Resolution Authorizing the Renewal of a Liquor License for ONE 53 T/A Cajo Enterprises for the year 2014-2015

The floor was open to Public Comment on the Resolution, hearing none the floor was immediately closed.

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Hasser moved to approve the resolution, Bremner seconded the motion, and motion carried on roll call vote.

For: Bremner, Donahue, Hallman, Hasser, Kartsonis

Against: None

Abstain: None

Resolution 2014-60: A Resolution Authorizing The Submission of a Recycling Tonnage Grant

Donahue moved to approve the resolution, Hasser seconded the motion, and motion carried on roll call vote.

For: Bremner, Donahue, Hallman, Hasser, Kartsonis

Against: None

Abstain: None

Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of an AED for the Borough Hall

Bremner moved to table the resolution and Hasser seconded. Motion carried on roll call vote.

For: Bremner, Donahue, Hallman, Hasser, Kartsonis

Against: None

Abstain: None

Resolution Possible Award of Contract to JML Landscaping for the Toth Lane Project

Tabled

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ordinance 2014-3: Possible Introduction: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 4 TITLED 'GENERAL PROVISIONS', SECTION 428 TITLED 'ZONING DISTRICTS AND ZONING MAP' OF THE DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF ROCKY HILL TO ADJUST THE ZONING DISTRICT BOUNDARY LINE BETWEEN THE R-1 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT AND VO VILLAGE OFFICE DISTRICT

Hallman moved to introduce the ordinance. Hasser seconded the motion, and motion carried on roll call vote.

For: Bremner, Donahue, Hallman, Hasser, Kartsonis

Against: None

Abstain: None

Discussion of Sign and Brochure Holder at the Borough Hall for the Nursery School

Kelly Cirone of the Rocky Hill Cooperative Nursery School requested permission to install a sign and brochure holder on the rear entrance of the building under the State Police sign.

Bremner moved to approve the sign and brochure holder, as presented. Hallman seconded the motion. Motion carried on roll call vote.

For: Bremner, Donahue, Hallman, Hasser, Kartsonis

Against: None

Abstain: None

Resolution 2014-61: A Resolution Authorizing a Payment to JML Landscaping for Brush and Limb Removal Above the Amount that was Authorized by Prior to Beginning the Job

Bremner moved to approve a payment of \$6,389.00 to JML Landscaping for brush and limb removal. Hasser seconded the motion. Motion carried on roll call vote.

For: Bremner, Donahue, Hallman, Hasser, Kartsonis

Against: None

Abstain: None

Discussion: Additional Compensation to Tax Assessor/Entering into a Rolling Assessment Program

Tabled

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Discussion of Dog Waste Bags in Van Horne Park

Bill Tanner followed up with Montgomery Township on Council Member Hasser's request for dog bag holders in Van Horne Park. John Snyder of Montgomery Public Works suggested installing Mutt Mitt dispensers. They are made out of metal and have a green baked coat finish. The cost of each unit is \$63.00. That does not include the shipping or the cost of the post and labor.

Hasser moved to approve the installation of Mutt Mitt dispensers in Van Horne Park not to exceed \$250.

Donahue seconded the motion. Motion carried on roll call vote.

For: Bremner, Donahue, Hallman, Hasser, Kartsonis

Against: None

Abstain: None

NEW BUSINESS

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF ROCKY HILL, COUNTY OF SOMERSET, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF UPDATING AND MAKING CURRENT THE CODIFICATIONS OF ORDINANCES WITHIN THE BOROUGH

Bremner moved to introduce the ordinance, and Hallman seconded the motion. Motion carried on roll call vote.

Against: None

Abstain: None

Discussion of New Copier Lease: Possible Resolution Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to Sign a Contract with Ricoh

Ricoh has two options for a new copier lease: a black and white copier for \$109 per month, or \$157 per month for a color copier with toner. The Mayor and Council requested clarification on the number of color copier per month are included in the proposal.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Communications as listed, were distributed, disseminated and filed accordingly.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Cliff Moore, Skillman Ave., asked for an update on the Beautification project.

Steve Derochi, 25 Washington St., asked if there was any direction from Council regarding the second letter submitted.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Hasser with a second by Bremner to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 PM. Motion carried on voice vote.

Respectfully submitted:
Christine Witt
Deputy Borough

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List of Bills - (0110101001) CASH CURRENT FUND

Check#	Vendor	Description	Payment	Check Total
8053	12 - ARC OF SOMERSET COUNTY	PO 4895 Borough Hall cleaning May2014	200.00	200.00
8054	29 - BOLLINGER INC	PO 4893 Surety bond	100.00	100.00
8055	39 - CENTRAL JERSEY SECURITY	PO 4896 Q3 2014 Alarm Monitoring	87.00	87.00
8056	481 - FLOWER BARN OF HILLSBOROUGH	PO 4874 Memorial Day wreath	90.00	90.00
8057	83 - G & T Landscaping Inc	PO 4789 Lawn Area Maintenance Services	2,075.00	2,075.00
8058	98 - HESCO ELECTRIC SUPPLY	PO 4886 150W QTZ Fixture w/Lamp	18.00	18.00
8059	155 - MGL FORMS-SYSTEMS	PO 4882 Tax bills	287.00	287.00
8060	171 - MUNICIPAL RECORD SERVICE	PO 4876 Traffic tickets	390.00	390.00
8061	339 - NEW JERSEY DIV OF ALCOHOLIC BEV CON	PO 4883 2 liquor license renewals 2014-2015	6.00	6.00
8062	210 - PSE&G	PO 4877 Street lights	645.29	645.29
8063	210 - PSE&G	PO 4889 Municipal building electric	378.72	378.72
8064	210 - PSE&G	PO 4890 Crescent Point Park electric	6.75	6.75
8065	210 - PSE&G	PO 4891 Panicaro Park electric	12.42	12.42
8066	319 - RARITAN VALLEY DISPOSAL INC	PO 4888 Garbage collection	3,808.49	3,808.49
8067	544 - Russell Roofing	PO 4647 Reroof Flat Roof at Municipal Bldg	5,287.50	5,287.50
8068	247 - SOMERSET COUNTY TREASURER	PO 4887 Board of Health County fees	1,013.58	1,013.58
8069	259 - NEW JERSEY STATE TREASURER	PO 4880 Marriage license fees	50.00	50.00
8070	416 - THOMAS BREMER	PO 4897 Buildings & Grounds supplies	50.31	50.31
8071	280 - U. S. POSTAL SERVICE	PO 4879 PSE envelopes	604.00	604.00
8072	285 - VALLEY OIL COMPANY	PO 4881 Offroad Diesel	30.53	30.53
8073	387 - W. B. MASON CO.	PO 4878 Copy paper	149.97	149.97
<i>State Treasurer</i>		<i>Dog fees</i>		8.40
TOTAL				15,290.56

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List of Bills - (1926005) INTERFUND - DUE CURRENT TRUST OTHER

Check#	Vendor	Description	Payment	Check Total
8052	455 - TAMARA LEE PP	PO 4885 Planning Board: 25 Washington St. A	1,417.50	1,417.50
TOTAL				1,417.50

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List of Bills - (0810101001) CASH UTILITY OPERATING

Check#	Vendor	Description	Payment	Check Total
6907	380 - HANS OLSEN	PO 4898 Water Dept. maintenance	100.00	100.00
6908	450 - ONE CALL CONCEPTS INC	PO 4875 May One calls	21.96	21.96
6909	204 - PITNEY BOWES	PO 4894 Postage machine rental	29.00	29.00
6910	210 - PSE&G	PO 4892 Water Dept. electric	1,770.18	1,770.18
6911	311 - TIM LESKO	PO 4884 Water Dept. maintenance	236.20	236.20
6912	311 - TIM LESKO	PO 4899 Water Dept maintenance	100.00	100.00
TOTAL				2,257.34

Total to be paid from Fund 08 UTILITY OPERATING

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JUNE 18, 2014
List of Bills - (0110101001) CASH
CURRENT FUND

Check#	Vendor	Description	Payment	Check Total
8074	360 - MCNEIL & COMPANY INC	PO 4900 First Ad Rescue Squad Commercial Po	2,872.36	2,872.36
	TOTAL			2,872.36
Total to be paid from Fund 01 CURRENT FUND			2,872.36	
			2,872.36	

RESOLUTION 2014-59

**BOROUGH OF ROCKY HILL
SOMERSET COUNTY**

WHEREAS, application has been received from Cajo Enterprises LLC, T/A One 53 for renewal of the Plenary Retail Consumption Liquor License (1817-33-001-004); and

WHEREAS, said application is complete and accompanied by the required fees, affidavits, and tax clearance certificate from the New Jersey Division of Taxation; and

WHEREAS, no written objection to the renewal of this license was received by the Borough Clerk;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rocky Hill, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. That the license as referenced above be renewed for the 2014-2015 license year and that the Borough Clerk be directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution and the renewal application and accompanying fee to the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control, Department of Law and Public Safety, for processing, and to the applicants; and;
2. That the Borough Clerk be authorized to issue the 2014-2015 license to the proper holder with the effective date of July 1, 2014.
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

ATTEST:

By: 

Rebecca P. Newman
Borough Clerk

By: 

Edward P. Zimmerman, Mayor

CERTIFICATION

I, Rebecca P. Newman, Borough Clerk of the Borough of Rocky Hill do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Borough Council on June 16th, 2014.

Rebecca P. Newman
Borough Clerk

2014-60
BOROUGH OF ROCKY HILL
SOMERSET COUNTY
RECYCLING TONNAGE GRANT RESOLUTION

- WHEREAS,** The Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act, P.L.1987, c.102, has established a recycling fund from which tonnage grant may be made to municipalities in order to encourage local source separation and recycling programs; and
- WHEREAS,** It is the intent and the spirit of the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act to use the tonnage grants to develop new municipal recycling programs and to continue and to expand existing programs; and
- WHEREAS,** The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection has promulgated recycling regulations to Implement the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act; and
- WHEREAS,** The recycling regulations impose on municipalities certain requirements as a condition for applying for tonnage grants, including but not limited to, making and keeping accurate, verifiable records of materials collected and claimed by the municipality; and
- WHEREAS,** A resolution authorizing this municipality to apply for the **2013 Recycling Tonnage Grant** will memorialize the commitment of this municipality to recycling and to indicate the assent of Rocky Hill Borough Council to the efforts undertaken by the municipality and the requirements contained in the Recycling Act and recycling regulations; and
- WHEREAS,** Such a resolution should designate the individual authorized to ensure the application is properly completed and timely filed.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Rocky Hill that the Borough hereby endorses the submission of the recycling tonnage grant application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and designates the County of Somerset to ensure that the application is properly filed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the monies received from the recycling tonnage grant be deposited in a dedicated recycling trust fund to be used solely for the purposes of recycling.

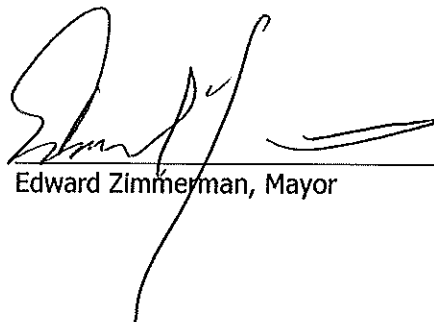
Resolution offered by:

Resolution certified by:

Adopted: June 16, 2014



Rebecca Newman, RMC
Borough Clerk



Edward Zimmerman, Mayor

RESOLUTION 2014-61

**BOROUGH OF ROCKY HILL
SOMERSET COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Rocky Hill entered into a contract for brush and limb removal with JML Landscaping on March 17, 2014 at a rate of \$178.00 per hour not to exceed \$2,600.00; and

WHEREAS, the Borough experienced many storms which caused an excessive amount of limbs to be placed at the curb; and

WHEREAS, JML Landscaping cleared these excessive piles of brush and exceeded the not to exceed amount by \$6,389.00; and

WHEREAS, the Borough acknowledges the excessive amount of brush and limb this year and desires to pay JML Landscaping the additional amount of \$6,389.00; and

WHEREAS, there are sufficient funds in the Borough's budget to pay for these services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rocky Hill, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. That the Borough of Rocky Hill authorizes a payment of \$6,389.00 to JML Landscaping of Hillsborough, NJ, for performing the following service: brush and limb removal.
2. That there are sufficient funds in the Borough of Rocky Hill budget for this purchase as certified by the Chief Financial Officer.
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

ATTEST.

By: _____

Rebecca P. Newman
Borough Clerk

By: _____

Edward P. Zimmerman, Mayor